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 2 A Yes.
 3 Q And this is, in fact -- You understand this is
 4 the offering memorandum or offering circular for the
 5 Class V III CDO?

6 A Yes.
 7 Q And this is the document that you cite in
 8 paragraph -- or footnote 21 of your report?

9 A I can't be sure from the --

10 Q If you look at the Bates stamp.

11 A Here we go. 55, yes.

12 Q And are you -- Can you identify any statement in
 13 the Class V III offering memorandum that is rendered
 14 false because of the short position held by Citigroup in
 15 the Class V III asset names as of January 12th?

16 MR. INFELISE: Mr. Dooley, are you going to ask
 17 him to review all 187, 190 pages as we sit here today?

18 MR. DOOLEY: No, I'm going to ask him to
 19 identify whether any statements that he believes are
 20 false.

21 He's offered the opinion that the fact of the
 22 short position was an important change to what was
 23 represented in these documents, and I want to know if
 24 can tell me whether there is any -- what statement in
 25 here is false.

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 2 THE WITNESS: I don't care -- or I don't recall
 3 whether or not anything was represented in here the
 4 first time I read it.

5 And I don't know that I would be able to say
 6 now going through it even again for however long it
 7 would take that I would be able to find that they
 8 acknowledge the possibility that they could be short or
 9 were short prior to pricing.

10 BY MR. DOOLEY:

11 Q That's not the question I'm asking.

12 A Well, it's --

13 Q The question I'm asking is whether you can point
 14 to a statement that's made in the offering circular that
 15 is false because of -- that is rendered false because of
 16 the short position that Citigroup had as of January
 17 12th, 2007?

18 A Not at this time. I'd have to reread it in that
 19 context.

20 Q Okay. And you don't identify any statement in
 21 your report that is rendered false because of
 22 Citigroup's short position as of January 12th, 2007, do
 23 you?

24 A Any statement in my report that's false?

25 Q No, in your report --

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 2 A Yes.
 3 Q -- you don't identify any statement in the Class
 4 V III offering memorandum that you believe is rendered
 5 false because of the short position taken by Citigroup,
 6 correct?

7 A That's correct.

8 Q Okay. So you don't identify in your report any
 9 false statement in the offering memorandum, and you
 10 can't tell me now that there is any statement in the
 11 offering memorandum that's false because of the short
 12 position that Citigroup took in Class V III?

13 MR. INFELISE: Just for the record, he has not
 14 reviewed this document. If you want to give him the
 15 time, it's your seven hours, Mr. Dooley.

16 BY MR. DOOLEY:

17 Q Is that a correct statement?

18 A Can you repeat your question.

19 MR. INFELISE: Read that whole thing.

20 BY MR. DOOLEY:

21 Q My question is --

22 MR. DOOLEY: Jeff, if you have an objection,
 23 then make an objection.

24 MR. INFELISE: Objection, you're badgering this
 25 witness. You're wasting our time.

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 2 If you want him to read this, we'll take a
 3 recess, take whatever time you need to go through it,
 4 that's all.

5 MR. DOOLEY: That's not an objection, Jeff.
 6 You're just arguing.

7 MR. INFELISE: Oh, okay.

8 BY MR. DOOLEY:

9 Q Mr. MacLaverty, we'll move on, actually. We'll
 10 move on.

11 A Can I clarify something?

12 Q There isn't a question pending right now. If
 13 you need to clarify something, you can do it after your
 14 break.

15 A It relates to a question you asked me a moment
 16 ago.

17 Q What's the clarification?

18 A That my -- when you said what I thought was
 19 missing was more of what was omitted as opposed to what
 20 was falsely stated anywhere. I wasn't laying claim to
 21 any false statement. I was laying claim to something
 22 that I thought was omitted and would have been good to
 23 know.

24 Q Okay. That's helpful, and I appreciate it.

25 So it's not your opinion that there is any --

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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 185</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 that there is any statement that is in the offering 3 memorandum that is false because -- in light of 4 Citigroup's short position in the Class V III assets, is 5 that right?</p> <p>6 A That's correct.</p> <p>7 Q Okay. And is it your -- and is it your position 8 that there is any statement that is misleading in light 9 of Citigroup's short position or is it your position 10 that there is information --</p> <p>11 A In --</p> <p>12 Q -- in the Class V III offering memorandum? Or 13 is it your position that there is information that you 14 think should be included?</p> <p>15 A I believe that it is somewhat misleading to say 16 that they may be taking a position counter to what a 17 buyer of the notes would have when, in fact, they 18 already had done so.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. That's the misleading statement in the 20 offering memorandum, as far as you're concerned?</p> <p>21 A In my view it is.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. And that's the -- that's the misleading 23 statement in the offering memorandum as far as you're 24 concerned? There is not another misleading statement in 25 the offering memorandum?</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 187</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 p.m. 3 (a brief recess was taken) 4 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the record at 5 2:44 p.m. 6 BY MR. DOOLEY: 7 Q Mr. MacLaverty, looking at paragraph 19 of your 8 opening report, you write that there are two factors 9 that make Class V III -- the Class V III CDO 10 distinctive. 11 The first is that, "As demonstrated in Exhibit 12 2B, there was significant overlap between the 21 names 13 identified by Citigroup on November 1, 2006, and the 25 14 names on which it sought to purchase protection on 15 January 8th, 2007, all of which were included in Class V 16 III." 17 First of all, there is a reference to 21 names 18 identified by Citigroup on November 1, 2006. Is that 19 incorrect? Is that supposed to be 25 names? 20 A No, I think it's the 21 names that they got 21 through -- 21 of the 25 on the November 1 suggestion 22 list. So on 2B -- 23 Q Okay. 24 A The second -- the third column over, the second 25 one under the shaded heading.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 186</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 MR. INFELISE: Objection, asked and answered. 3 BY MR. DOOLEY: 4 Q The one you just identified, that's the 5 misleading statement? I just want to be sure that we're 6 clear on what the misleading statement is. 7 A It's not the misleading statement. It's a 8 misleading statement. There may be others that I 9 haven't been able to articulate right now because of 10 recollection. But that is one that was meant to answer 11 your question. 12 Q Okay. That's the one -- Okay. 13 And there are no misleading statements 14 identified in your -- Let me start again. 15 There are no misleading statements -- Start 16 that again. 17 Your report, Mr. MacLaverty, does not identify 18 any misleading statements in the Class V III offering 19 memorandum, does it? 20 A I don't believe in this report I identify any of 21 those, no. 22 Q Okay. 23 MR. DOOLEY: Why don't we take a five-minute 24 break. 25 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record at 2:37</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 188</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 Q Uh-huh. 3 A There were 25 total names, but X'ed out are only 4 21 of those. 5 Q I guess I don't understand. What are the 21 6 names that you're referring to? 7 A 21 -- it's 21 names that were identified out 8 of -- out of 25 on the November list. So out of this 9 November 1 suggestion list. 10 Q Which exhibit are you looking at, 2A? 11 A 2B. 12 Q 2B. There is 25 names on the November 1 13 suggestion list? 14 A Yes, but only 21 of the names actually ended up 15 in the deal. 16 Q Okay. 17 A 21 out of 25. And it's -- I think I try to 18 clarify that on the errata sheet that was sent. And 19 that's the rationale for Exhibit 1 of my supplemental 20 report -- or rebuttal report. 21 Q If you look at Exhibit 2A, Mr. MacLaverty, and 22 you look at the second page of Exhibit 2A, there is a 23 row at the bottom labeled, number of these names on 24 list. 25 Do you see that?</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 225</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 A It's not my view. It's a fact in the case. 3 Q Okay. It's your understanding, I should say -- 4 A It's my understanding. 5 Q -- that of the 25 asset named listed on the 6 November 1st, 2006 -- 7 A Yes. 8 Q -- e-mail from Citigroup, 21 of them ended up in 9 the Class V III deal -- 10 A Yes. 11 Q -- that's your understanding? 12 And your understanding is that Citigroup took a 13 short position on all 21 of those that ended up in the 14 deal? 15 A It took a position on 25 of the assets out of 16 the 58. 17 Q Okay. But of the 21 that ended up in the deal 18 from the November 1 -- on November 21 there was -- on 19 November 1st there was a list of 25 assets that went 20 from Citigroup to CSAC, correct? 21 A What I was going to -- 22 Q Let me just ask the question. 23 A Ask it again. 24 Q On November 21st (sic) there was a list of 25 25 asset names that went from Citigroup to CSAC, correct?</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 227</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 input from talking with others in the industry and 3 relative to my understanding of what the role of a 4 collateral manager would be and a percentage of assets 5 put up -- or the actual names put up by a collateral 6 manager that were -- originated with an arranging bank 7 that ended up coming back into a deal. 8 But I did not do the statistical analysis. 9 Q When you say you did not do the statistical 10 analysis, what do you mean? 11 A I wasn't asked to identify any statistical 12 results of how and why that is a big or a small number. 13 Q So you didn't do any statistical analysis 14 regarding the significance of the fact that of the 25 15 assets that were on the November 20 -- the November 1st 16 list, 21 ended up in the deal, you didn't do any 17 statistical analysis regarding the significance of that 18 percentage? 19 A No. I don't believe that doing so would change 20 my opinion. I think it's just a relevant fact that an 21 investor in the notes would have wanted to know. 22 Q And is it your understanding that Citigroup is 23 required to disclose information that investors would 24 consider relevant or would want to know? 25 A Yes.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 226</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 A Correct. 3 Q And of those, it's your understanding that 21 4 ended up in the deal? 5 A Yes. 6 Q Of those 21, what is your understanding of how 7 many ended up -- Citigroup ended up shorting? 8 A At least 16, I believe, but I -- I'd have to go 9 back and look. 10 Q Okay. Is there any other fact or facts that you 11 believe, with respect to the asset selection process, 12 that you believe should have been disclosed by Citigroup 13 but was or were not disclosed by Citigroup? 14 A Other than the outright number? 15 Q Than what you just told me about the number, 16 yes. 17 A Not that I can think of right now. 18 Q Okay. And what is the basis for your conclusion 19 that Citigroup had an obligation to inform the Class V 20 III investors that of the 25 names it had sent over on 21 November 1st, 21 ended up in the deal? 22 A I think it's something that investors would have 23 wanted to know. 24 Q Why? 25 A Because it's a large number relative to other</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 228</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 Q And why would an investor want to know that 21 3 of the 25 names that Citigroup sent to CSAC on November 4 1st ended up in the portfolio, why would that be 5 relevant to an investor? 6 A Well, it might be more relevant to some 7 investors than to others. But I think any number is 8 relevant given that it's a fundamental component of its 9 construction, what's in there and how it got there. 10 Q So is it your view that regardless of the 11 percentage, if even one name on the November 1 list that 12 Citigroup sent to CSAC had been included in the Class V 13 III portfolio, that's information that Citigroup was 14 required to disclose? 15 A I think it would be relevant. 16 Q Okay. Even if it had been one? 17 A Yes. 18 It would be more relevant if that one were a 19 bigger number. 20 Q All right. You also say that, "Citigroup had an 21 obligation to inform the potential Class V III investors 22 that it had taken a naked short position," which I 23 understand you mean proprietary short position with 24 respect to those assets. 25 And what is the basis for your conclusion that</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 229</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 Citigroup had an obligation to disclose what you 3 characterize as its proprietary short position? 4 MR. INFELISE: Objection, asked and answered. 5 THE WITNESS: Because that runs counter to what 6 would be considered in the interest of a note holder or 7 a note buyer. 8 BY MR. DOOLEY: 9 Q All right. Looking at your next opinion, the 10 opinion summarized at paragraph 6, you write that, 11 "Citigroup knew and did not disclose important facts 12 about the construction and execution of the Class V III 13 CDO that an investor would have needed to know in order 14 to make an informed decision before purchasing the notes 15 issued by Class V III." 16 Are the facts and analysis that support that 17 opinion stated in paragraphs 25 and 26 of your opening 18 report? 19 A Yes. 20 Q Okay. And are the important facts about the 21 construction and execution of the Class V III CDO that 22 you believe should have been disclosed, are those the 23 three numbered points in paragraph 25? 24 A Yes. 25 Q Are there any other important facts about the</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 231</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 A From the source documents, yes. 3 Q Okay. But it's a summary of the facts as you 4 understand them from looking at e-mails and other 5 documents? 6 A Correct. 7 Q That's not -- the first sentence of paragraph 8 25, that's not expert analysis? 9 A No. 10 Q And the next statement, "As the structurer, 11 Stoker was also given oversight responsibility for the 12 pitch book and offering memorandum." You cite to 13 testimony of Mr. Stoker. 14 Do you see that? 15 A Yes. 16 Q And that's not an expert opinion or analysis 17 that you're offering, is it? That's a summary of 18 Mr. Stoker's testimony? 19 A That's in -- Yes. 20 Q In fact, you haven't offered an opinion 21 regarding Mr. Stoker's oversight responsibility for the 22 pitch book and offering memorandum, correct? 23 A I have not offered an opinion. What's in here 24 is based on what I believe to be factual material. 25 Q Okay. And you have not offered an opinion</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 230</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 construction and execution of the Class V III CDO that 3 you believe were not disclosed other than the three 4 numbered points in paragraph 25 of your opening report? 5 A Not as it relates to the scope of this 6 engagement for me in these opinions. 7 Q Okay. So your opinion is that the three 8 numbered points in paragraph 25, those are the three 9 important facts about the construction and execution of 10 the Class V III CDO that should have been disclosed? 11 A Either in the offering memorandum or the pitch 12 book, yes. 13 Q Okay. You're not going to testify that there is 14 some other important fact that should have been 15 disclosed other than these three, are you? 16 A No. 17 Q Okay. That's what I'm wondering. 18 You write in paragraph 25, "Stoker functioned 19 as a primary structurer for Citigroup on the Class V III 20 deal as of October, 2006, and through its close February 21 28th, 2007." 22 Do you see that? 23 A Yes. 24 Q And that's not an opinion, is it, that's a 25 statement from your understanding of the facts?</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 232</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 regarding the oversight responsibility of a structurer 3 in Mr. Stoker's position for the pitch book and offering 4 memorandum, have you? 5 A No. 6 Q All right. Looking at the numbered items in 7 paragraph 25, the first numbered item is -- Well, you 8 write, "In particular, the offering memorandum and pitch 9 book did not disclose that." 10 And I understand it's your conclusion here that 11 these facts were not stated in the offering memorandum 12 and pitch book. But I'm going to ask you a slightly 13 different question, which is, can you identify, with 14 respect to the first fact, "Prior to ever receiving a 15 proposed list of assets from CSAC, Citigroup had 16 suggested inclusion in Class V III of 16 of the 25 17 assets on which it purchased protection," can you 18 identify any statement in the pitch book that is false, 19 in your view, in light of the fact that Citigroup 20 suggested inclusion in the Class V III of 16 of the 25 21 assets on which it purchased protection? 22 MR. INFELISE: Objection, asked and answered. 23 THE WITNESS: No. 24 BY MR. DOOLEY: 25 Q Okay. And can you identify any statement in the</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 233</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 pitch book that's rendered misleading because 3 Citigroup -- in light of the fact that Citigroup had 4 suggested inclusion in Class V III of 16 of the 25 5 assets on which it purchased protection?</p> <p>6 A No.</p> <p>7 Q The same question for No. 2, can you identify in 8 the pitch book any statement that you believe is 9 rendered false in light of the fact that Citigroup had 10 asked CSAC to include 25 assets in Class V III?</p> <p>11 A No.</p> <p>12 Q Okay. Can you identify any statement in the 13 pitch book that's rendered misleading in light of the 14 fact that Citigroup had asked CSAC to include 25 assets 15 in Class V III?</p> <p>16 A Again, on a stand-alone basis, no.</p> <p>17 But the -- taken together and with the 18 omission, as previously stated, that's where I come to 19 the conclusion for this opinion.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. Well, let me ask the questions this way 21 and then I'll -- let me ask -- I'll come to that.</p> <p>22 The third point is that, "Citigroup took a \$500 23 million proprietary short position on the 25 assets it 24 sought to have included in Class V III."</p> <p>25 Can you identify any statement in the pitch</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 235</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 should have said this.</p> <p>3 But my question is, is there any statement that 4 you can point to that is rendered false or misleading in 5 light of any combination of these three facts?</p> <p>6 A I can't speak to one that I can think of right 7 now.</p> <p>8 Q Okay. Then I'll ask sort of the same series of 9 questions about the offering circular.</p> <p>10 And can you identify, Mr. MacLaverty, any 11 statement in -- I'll make it easier for you. I'll try 12 to ask one question, we'll see if we can do it.</p> <p>13 Can you identify any statement in the offering 14 circular that you believe is false in light of any of 15 the three facts that you identify in paragraph 25?</p> <p>16 MR. INFELISE: Objection, asked and answered.</p> <p>17 THE WITNESS: My recollection is no.</p> <p>18 BY MR. DOOLEY:</p> <p>19 Q Okay. Can you identify any statement in the 20 offering circular that you believe is misleading in 21 light of the three allegedly nondisclosed facts in 22 paragraph 25?</p> <p>23 A On a stand-alone basis, no.</p> <p>24 Q How about in combination, can you identify any 25 statement in the offering circular that you believe is</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 234</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 book that you believe is false in light of the fact that 3 Citigroup took a \$500 million proprietary short position 4 on the 25 assets it sought to have included?</p> <p>5 A No.</p> <p>6 Q And can you identify any statement in the pitch 7 book that you believe is misleading in light of the fact 8 that Citigroup took a \$500 million proprietary short 9 position on the 25 assets it sought to have included?</p> <p>10 A No.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. Can you identify any statement in the 12 pitch book that you believe is either false or 13 misleading based on any combination of the three 14 elements, the three alleged nondisclosed facts in 15 paragraph 25?</p> <p>16 A It's not the combination. It's the omission of 17 what I would have expected to have included given the 18 facts.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. I understand you believe --</p> <p>20 A It's not what's there. It's what's not there.</p> <p>21 Q Okay. And I understand that distinction. I 22 appreciate that.</p> <p>23 I guess I'm asking a different question, 24 though, which is, I understand that it's your view that 25 this information should have been included, that they</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 236</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 either false or misleading in light of any combination 3 of the three facts that you believe weren't disclosed in 4 paragraph 25?</p> <p>5 A No.</p> <p>6 Q Paragraph 26, the second sentence you write, "In 7 this case the evidence suggests that CSAC did not 8 perform" -- well, let me -- Why don't you just review 9 paragraph 26.</p> <p>10 A Okay.</p> <p>11 Q In the second sentence you write, "In this case 12 the evidence suggests that CSAC did not perform that 13 role, i.e., the role of the collateral manager, with 14 respect to the 25 assets Citigroup's secondary desk 15 recommended be included in Class V III but merely 16 acquiesced to Citigroup's request."</p> <p>17 Do you see that?</p> <p>18 A Yes.</p> <p>19 Q Okay. And as an initial matter, not all of the 20 25 names on Citigroup's November 1, 2006, list ended up 21 in the Class V III portfolio, right, only 21 of the 25?</p> <p>22 A Correct.</p> <p>23 Q Okay. So whether or not CSAC did or did not 24 perform its role, it didn't acquiesce to 25 assets going 25 into Class V III, right? Only 21 of them ended up in --</p> |

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 2 only 21 of the 25 --

3 A It doesn't mean CSAC didn't perform their role.
 4 It just might mean that they might have had them on a
 5 suggested list and they changed their mind and didn't
 6 put them into the deal.

7 Q Okay. Well, I guess -- your statement in
 8 paragraph 26 that, "The evidence suggests that CSAC did
 9 not perform the role of the collateral manager with
 10 respect to the 25 assets Citigroup's secondary desk
 11 recommended be included in Class V III but merely
 12 acquiesced to Citigroup's request," that statement,
 13 that's not an opinion, is it?

14 A No.

15 Q That's a summary of what you believe the
 16 evidence would show, correct?

17 A It's a summary of evidence that I found to lead
 18 to that, yes.

19 Q Okay. And you don't cite any evidence in
 20 support of this conclusion, do you, in -- Let me back
 21 up.

22 In your report, Mr. MacLavery, you don't cite
 23 any evidence in support of your conclusion that CSAC did
 24 not perform its role with respect to the 25 assets that
 25 Citigroup's secondary desk recommended be included in

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 2 Class V III, do you?

3 A There is nothing footnoted after the sentence,
 4 no.

5 Q Okay. And, in fact, at the time -- Do you know
 6 who John Popp is, P-O-P-P?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Okay. Who is John Popp?

9 A I don't know him.

10 Q But in the context of this case, who is John
 11 Popp?

12 A At Credit Suisse.

13 Q And who is Michael Shackelford, do you know who
 14 he is?

15 A I don't know him, but --

16 Q In the context of this case, not in your life
 17 outside.

18 A I can't recall.

19 Q Okay. How about Samir Bhatt, do you know who
 20 Samir Bhatt is?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Who is that?

23 A He is at Credit Suisse.

24 Q Okay. And do you understand that Mr. Bhatt was
 25 the principal asset manager at CSAC involved with Class

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 2 V III?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And prior to the time -- Why don't we go back
 5 and look at Appendix B, pages 5 and 6.

6 A Okay.

7 Q In pages 5 and 6 of Appendix B you list various
 8 investigative testimony and depositions that you've
 9 reviewed in preparing your expert report, correct?

10 A Yes.

11 Q You indicate that you reviewed Mr. Stoker's
 12 testimony, Mr. Quintin's testimony, Mr. Dominguez's
 13 testimony, and Mr. Grant's testimony, correct?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Prior to the time that you reached the
 16 conclusion that CSAC did not perform its role with
 17 respect to the 25 assets that Citigroup's secondary desk
 18 recommended be included in the Class V III, you had not
 19 reviewed the testimony of Samir Bhatt, correct?

20 A I don't believe I did, no.

21 Q Did you know -- at the time that you reached the
 22 conclusion that CSAC hadn't performed its role, did you
 23 know that Samir Bhatt had given testimony?

24 A I can't recall.

25 Q Okay. And at the time you reached the

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 2 conclusion that CSAC didn't perform its role with
 3 respect to the 25 assets that Citigroup's secondary desk
 4 recommended, you hadn't reviewed Mr. Popp's testimony,
 5 either, had you?

6 A No.

7 Q And you hadn't reviewed Mr. Shackelford's
 8 testimony, had you?

9 A No.

10 Q Okay. And, in fact, sitting here, you don't
 11 know whether Mr. Shackelford works for CSAC or not, do
 12 you?

13 A I can't recall. What I do know is the
 14 substance -- the background for this came from e-mail
 15 traffic that's listed in the Bates numbers somewhere on
 16 one of these five pages of Bates numbers.

17 Q Okay. And, Mr. MacLavery, there is no -- You
 18 didn't do any analysis of the steps that CSAC did or
 19 didn't take in evaluating the assets that went into
 20 Class V III, did you?

21 A No, nor was I asked to.

22 Q So without having reviewed the testimony of the
 23 three witnesses from CSAC who testified in this
 24 investigation and without having conducted any analysis
 25 of what steps CSAC did to evaluate the Class V III

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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 249</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 those e-mails that he would have had an opportunity to 3 review.</p> <p>4 As to whether he reviewed them or not, I don't 5 know.</p> <p>6 But he was part of a dialogue involving a 7 larger group than just one-to-one e-mails between others 8 and himself.</p> <p>9 Q Okay. But the principal document you rely on is 10 Exhibit 323, is that right?</p> <p>11 A Yes.</p> <p>12 Q And this, the conclusion here regarding -- the 13 conclusion that Stoker was aware of and involved in 14 higher-level strategic decisions as a member of 15 Citigroup's CDO group, that's not an expert opinion of 16 yours, is it?</p> <p>17 A No. It came from source documents in the case.</p> <p>18 Q Okay. So the statement that Stoker was aware of 19 and involved in higher-level strategic decisions as a 20 member of Citigroup's CDO group, that's just your 21 summary of the evidence that you reviewed?</p> <p>22 A Yes.</p> <p>23 Q And you didn't apply any particular methodology 24 or analysis to reach that fact conclusion, you just read 25 the e-mails and drew the conclusion that you drew?</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 251</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 Q Okay. And what kind of input would the 3 arranging bank have?</p> <p>4 A Based on inquiry from institutional customers, 5 based on positions on the desk, existing positions on 6 the desk, based on a number of other factors, the 7 arranging bank is in a position to offer up to the 8 collateral manager for any one of a number of reasons 9 what assets that they would want to include in an 10 investment vehicle.</p> <p>11 Q Okay. And there is nothing -- there is nothing 12 improper or unusual about an arranging bank offering up 13 the assets that it would like to include in the 14 investment vehicle?</p> <p>15 A No.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. And then on page 3, the second full 17 sentence, you write, "It is not unusual that Citigroup 18 provide CSAC with a list of names for a deal."</p> <p>19 Do you see that?</p> <p>20 A Yes.</p> <p>21 Q And here you mean it's not unusual that 22 Citigroup provided a list of names to CSAC for names 23 that either it wanted to include in the deal or was 24 willing to source into the deal, that wasn't unusual in 25 your view?</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 250</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 A Yes.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. All right. In paragraph 7 about 4 two-thirds of the way down you write, "Investors would 5 expect that the arranging bank may have some input about 6 what assets should be included in the investment 7 vehicle."</p> <p>8 Do you see that?</p> <p>9 A Paragraph 7 a third of the way down?</p> <p>10 Q Two-thirds.</p> <p>11 A Two-thirds, oh, yes.</p> <p>12 Q "Investors would expect," do you see that?</p> <p>13 A Yes.</p> <p>14 Q You write, "Investors would expect that the 15 arranging bank would have some input about what assets 16 should be included in the investment vehicle."</p> <p>17 What's the basis for that statement? Is that 18 based on your experience?</p> <p>19 A Yes.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. And --</p> <p>21 A It's fairly commonly understood.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. It's commonly understood that the 23 arranging bank would have input about what assets should 24 be included in the investment vehicle?</p> <p>25 A Yes.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 252</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 A No.</p> <p>3 Q Okay. So there was nothing unusual in your view 4 about the November 1st e-mail that went from Citigroup 5 to CSAC with a list of names?</p> <p>6 A No.</p> <p>7 Q In the next sentence you write, "Mr. Wormser is 8 not correct when he claims that Citigroup did not play a 9 substantial role in the selection of assets that found 10 their way into Class V III."</p> <p>11 And what is the substantial role that you're 12 referring to there? Is that the number of -- is that 13 what we talked about before, is that the number of asset 14 names from the November list that ended up in the deal?</p> <p>15 A Yes.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. So when you say that Citigroup played a 17 substantial role in the selection of assets that found 18 their way into Class V III, what you mean is of the 25 19 names that were on the November 1 e-mail list, 21 ended 20 up in the deal?</p> <p>21 A Yes.</p> <p>22 Q Okay. And when you say -- when you write 23 Citigroup was highly successful in having the assets it 24 wanted included in the deal, again, that's what you're 25 referring to, the fact that of the 25 names on the</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 253</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 November 1 list, 21 ended up in the deal? 3 A Yes. 4 Q You write, "There was pressure by Citigroup to 5 have the asset names firmed up quickly so they could 6 lock up their capacity." 7 A Yes. 8 Q Okay. I see that. 9 When you say pressure, do you have an 10 understanding that CSAC was somehow -- that Citigroup 11 exercised some kind of threat or coercion over CSAC to 12 include the assets on the November 1 list? I don't 13 understand what you mean by pressure, I guess. 14 A There was, based on the e-mail -- e-mails that I 15 read, there was an expressed sense of urgency by 16 Citigroup to which CSAC then acquiesced. 17 Q Okay. So when you say that Citigroup pressured 18 CSAC, what you mean is that Citigroup expressed a time 19 urgency to CSAC about finalizing the portfolio for Class 20 V III? 21 A Yes. 22 Q Okay. You don't mean -- you don't have an 23 understanding that Citigroup coerced or threatened CSAC 24 in any way, do you? 25 A Not that I am aware of, no.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 255</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 That's a statement regarding the testimony of 3 other individuals, correct? 4 A Yes, yes. 5 Q There is no expert testimony in that sentence, 6 correct? 7 A That's correct. 8 Q Okay. In the next sentence you write, "Darius 9 Grant, the managing director of the CDO structuring 10 desk, testified that typically the structuring desk 11 would create a dummy portfolio which listed assets with 12 various characteristics that would be included in the 13 portfolio for a prospective deal." 14 That sentence is a summary of Mr. Grant's 15 testimony, correct? 16 A Yes. 17 Q And there is no expert analysis in that 18 sentence, correct? 19 A That's correct. 20 Q In the next sentence you write, "Mr. Grant 21 testified the list of assets that Stoker forwarded to 22 Sohail Khan on November 1, 2006, for inclusion in a CSAC 23 CDO-squared was not in the normal format for a dummy 24 portfolio provided by the structuring desk." 25 Again, that's a summary of Mr. Grant's</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 254</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 Q Okay. All right. In paragraph 8 you write, 3 "Mr. Wormser's suggestion that there was no reason for 4 Stoker to conclude that Citigroup played an unusual role 5 in the asset selection process for Class V III is 6 contrary to the testimony of other individuals in 7 Citigroup's CDO structuring group who were involved in 8 that transaction." 9 Looking at paragraph 8, Mr. MacLaverty, is 10 paragraph 8 -- paragraph 8 doesn't include any expert 11 opinion from you, does it? Paragraph 8 is a summary of 12 the testimony of other witnesses in the case? 13 A It does involve some of my own experience. 14 Q Okay. Where is -- 15 A Really coming out of the testimony. 16 Q Tell me what part of -- tell me what part of the 17 analysis in paragraph 8 -- Well, let's just go through 18 it. 19 The next sentence reads -- well, the first 20 sentence reads, "Mr. Wormser's suggestion that there was 21 no reason for Stoker to conclude that Citigroup played 22 an unusual role in the asset selection process is 23 contrary to the testimony of other individuals in 24 Citigroup's CDO structuring group who were involved in 25 the transaction."</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 256</p> <p>1 ROBERT M. MacLAVERTY - April 18, 2012 2 testimony, correct? 3 A Yes. 4 Q And that's -- There is no expert opinion in that 5 sentence, correct? 6 A Correct. 7 Q All right. The next sentence reads, "Donald 8 Quintin, the managing director of the CDO secondary 9 trading desk, testified that in his experience it was 10 atypical for an asset manager to provide a long list of 11 assets to potentially include in a CDO Citigroup was 12 structuring." 13 Again, that's a summary of Mr. Quintin's 14 testimony, correct? 15 A Yes. 16 Q No expert analysis there, right? 17 A No. 18 Q No opinion, right? 19 A Well, in aggregate, all of them come together to 20 help form an opinion, but these on a stand-alone basis 21 are not my opinions. They come from the documents. 22 Q Okay. And then the last sentence reads, 23 "Finally, Stoker himself testified that it was unusual 24 for him to send a list of suggested deal terms to be 25 included in a CDO and that it was unusual for a</p> |

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6 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,
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8 vs.

9 BRIAN H. STOKER,
10 Defendant.

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13 TRANSCRIPT of SHALABH MEHRISH in the
14 above-entitled matter, as taken by and before
15 LORRAINE B. ABATE, a Certified Shorthand Reporter and
16 Notary Public of the State of New York and Registered
17 Professional Reporter, held at the offices of The
18 Securities and Exchange Commission, Three World
19 Financial Center, New York, New York, on March 2,
20 2012, commencing at 8:37 a.m., pursuant to Subpoena.

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| <p>1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012 2 A. No. Not all the individuals in the 3 various desks. 4 Q. Were there meetings of some subset of 5 all the individuals in those various desks? 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. And were these meetings that were called 8 by Mr. Dominguez? 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. And who would attend those? 11 A. Generally the structuring and syndicate 12 heads. 13 Q. The heads of desks? 14 A. Yeah. 15 Q. And what was the purpose of those 16 meetings? 17 A. Just to discuss the transactions we were 18 doing, what was the plan. 19 Q. And were the discussions during those 20 meetings concerning the market for the CDOs? 21 MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form. 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. Were there any discussions during those 24 meetings concerning specific CDOs that the group was 25 working on?</p> | <p>1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012 2 various types of CDOs. 3 First, with respect to cash CDOs, did 4 your desk or did you -- did you have any role in 5 selecting assets for cash CDOs? 6 MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form. 7 A. No. 8 Q. Do you know if you -- anyone on your 9 desk had any role in selecting assets for the CDO -- cash CDOs? 10 MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form. 11 A. No. 12 Q. Did you have any role in selecting the 13 assets for synthetic CDOs? 14 MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form. 15 A. No. 16 Q. Did you have any role in selecting the 17 assets for CDOs squared? 18 MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form. 19 A. No. 20 Q. Did you have any input into what assets 21 may be included in any of those types of CDOs? 22 A. No. 23 Q. Did you make any recommendations 24 concerning what CDOs should be included or -- excuse</p> |
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| <p>1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012 2 A. No. It was just generally market 3 conditions. 4 Q. Now, as I understand it, you described 5 the fact that all the desks were very close to each 6 other. 7 How -- what was the normal means of 8 coordinating or communicating between one desk and 9 another? 10 MS. BUERGER: You are referring to 11 physical proximity when you say close? 12 MR. INFELISE: Yes, yes. 13 A. We would -- we would speak verbally. 14 Q. And was it a common practice to use 15 e-mails to communicate? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. All right. And were those e-mails that 18 were between desks? 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. All right. And was it a standard 21 practice to rely on the information received from 22 e-mails from other individuals on other desks in the 23 CDO group in conducting your business? 24 A. Yes. 25 Q. Let me go back and go through the</p> | <p>1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012 2 me, what assets should be included in those types of 3 CDOs? 4 MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form. 5 A. No. 6 Q. Now, to your knowledge, when Citigroup 7 or the CDO group was underwriting the CDO, was there 8 any policy concerning what included assets in it that 9 were owned by Citigroup? 10 A. No. 11 Q. None at all? 12 A. No. 13 Q. Is that the -- would your answer be the 14 same with respect to CDO squared? 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. So there was no policy concerning 17 including in CDO squared assets owned by Citigroup? 18 A. That's right. 19 Q. Sir, during the time that you were on 20 the syndicate desk, would you give me an estimate of, 21 if you can, of the number of CDOs that Citigroup 22 underwrote. 23 A. I don't recall. 24 MS. BUERGEL: Again, are you referring 25 to the New York area? Just you keep referring</p> |

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| <p>1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012 2 to Citigroup, and I want to make sure. 3 MR. INFELISE: For the record, when I 4 said Citigroup, I'm referring to the New York 5 desk, okay? CDO group. 6 Q. Well, was there any period of time when 7 Citigroup was more active in CDOs than in other time 8 periods? 9 A. Fairly active throughout the time that I 10 was on the syndicate desk. 11 Q. Did it ever increase during any period 12 of time while you were on the syndicate desk? 13 A. I'm not sure. But 2006 may have been 14 one of the most active years. 15 Q. All right. Do you recall was there any 16 period of time when Citigroup was more active with 17 respect to synthetic CDOs than during other periods 18 of time? 19 A. Don't recall. 20 Q. Do you have any recollection of when the 21 first time that Citigroup was involved in the 22 synthetic CDO? 23 A. Don't remember the exact time, no. 24 Q. Okay. Now, as I understand your 25 testimony, you believe that there was an asset</p> | <p>1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012 2 you said previously marked as 383, you are 3 referring to the -- during the investigation, 4 not during the deposition in this case? 5 MR. INFELISE: That's right. 6 Q. Have you had a chance to look through 7 it, sir? 8 A. Yes. 9 Q. Do you recall this e-mail? 10 A. No. 11 Q. I note there is an -- on the bottom, 12 that's -- obviously this is three e-mails, and it's 13 the normal type configuration where the earliest 14 e-mail is on the bottom, so it works reverse 15 chronological order from bottom to top. 16 A. Right. 17 Q. And I'm looking at the address. It's 18 from Stoker, Brian to Quintin, Donald and Mehrish, 19 Shalabh. 20 Do you have any reason to believe that 21 you didn't receive this e-mail? 22 A. No reason to believe. 23 Q. Okay. Now, there's a statement by 24 Mr. Stoker in his e-mail, and I think it's the third 25 sentence, CSAC buys no equity but we informally</p> |
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| <p>1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012 2 manager on every one of the CDOs that Citigroup 3 underwrote? 4 MR. TAYLOR: Objection. Misstates his 5 testimony. 6 A. That's my recollection. 7 Q. That is. 8 Why was that? 9 A. Because that's generally what investors 10 wanted. 11 Q. Why would they want an asset manager, if 12 you know, sir? 13 A. They would prefer transactions that were 14 monitored by an expert, and selected by an expert. 15 Q. And -- all right. 16 When Citigroup worked with an asset 17 manager, was there any agreement that the asset 18 manager would select assets owned by Citigroup to 19 include in the CDO that they were managing? 20 MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form. 21 A. No. 22 Q. I'm going to show you, Mr. Mehrish, a 23 document that was previously marked as 383. Take a 24 minute if you would, look it through. 25 MR. TAYLOR: And just to be clear, when</p> | <p>1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012 2 expect them to buy single A and BBB from Harding. 3 First, sir, who or what is Harding? 4 A. The name of an asset manager. 5 Q. That's your understanding? 6 A. Yes. 7 Q. It sounds like you were sort of 8 questioning. Do you know that for sure? 9 A. Yes, it's the same of an asset manager. 10 Q. All right. Do you have any idea or 11 understanding of why Mr. Stoker says that he 12 informally expects CSAC to buy assets from Harding? 13 MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form. 14 A. I don't recall. 15 Q. And there's an intermediate e-mail from 16 a Mr. Khan, and it's to Mr. Stoker, Mr. Quintin and 17 also to you. 18 But I would like to direct your 19 attention to the top e-mail, and this is from Mehrish 20 Shalabh, and it's -- the e-mail address is 21 04131@Citigroup.com. 22 Do you recognize that e-mail address? 23 A. Yes. 24 Q. Was that your e-mail address in January 25 of 2007?</p> |

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| <p>1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012</p> <p>2 A. My e-mail address was</p> <p>3 Shalabh.Mehrish@Citigroup.com.</p> <p>4 Q. Do you know what that e-mail address</p> <p>5 was?</p> <p>6 A. That might be my employee ID.</p> <p>7 Q. And was that -- would it show up often</p> <p>8 times on your e-mails, employee ID?</p> <p>9 A. Actually, I've never seen that. It's</p> <p>10 interesting it shows up on this one.</p> <p>11 Q. It says -- or you indicate, you say we</p> <p>12 need a moral commitment.</p> <p>13 A. Yes.</p> <p>14 Q. Do you have any understanding or</p> <p>15 recollection of what you meant by that?</p> <p>16 A. I meant that I needed them to take a</p> <p>17 close look at the bonds.</p> <p>18 Q. At the Harding bonds?</p> <p>19 A. Yes.</p> <p>20 Q. Why?</p> <p>21 A. We wanted them to look at securities</p> <p>22 that we were trying to market.</p> <p>23 Q. The Harding bonds?</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p> <p>25 Q. All right, sir.</p> | <p>1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012</p> <p>2 A. I think we did a CDO called Octonion.</p> <p>3 Q. Now, in the e-mail at the bottom from</p> <p>4 Mr. Khan to you and to Julian Bynum, there is a</p> <p>5 reference to Wing suggested we do that to spur</p> <p>6 interest.</p> <p>7 Do you know who Wing is or what that</p> <p>8 refers to?</p> <p>9 MS. BUERGEL: Did you -- I apologize, I</p> <p>10 may have misheard you. Did you suggest that was</p> <p>11 an e-mail from Mr. Mehrish? That's an e-mail</p> <p>12 from Mr. Khan.</p> <p>13 MR. INFELISE: I think I said from</p> <p>14 Mr. Khan to Mr. Mehrish. If I didn't, that's</p> <p>15 what I meant to say. All right.</p> <p>16 Q. Do you know -- again, do you know what</p> <p>17 or who Wing refers to?</p> <p>18 A. I believe it's Mr. Wing Chau.</p> <p>19 Q. And who is he?</p> <p>20 A. He was a portfolio manager at Harding.</p> <p>21 Q. Then at that -- if you go to the top</p> <p>22 e-mail, the one that says it's from Mehrish, Shalabh</p> <p>23 again, it's now -- this one says SM04131@IMCN, M as</p> <p>24 in Mike, CN, November, A Mike.SSMB.com.</p> <p>25 Do you see that, sir?</p> |
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| <p>1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012</p> <p>2 MR. INFELISE: I'm going to ask the</p> <p>3 court reporter to mark the next document Exhibit</p> <p>4 No. 604.</p> <p>5 (Exhibit 604, One-page Document Bates</p> <p>6 numbered CITI 31032150, marked for</p> <p>7 identification, as of this date.)</p> <p>8 MR. INFELISE: 604 is a one-page</p> <p>9 document Bates numbered CITI 31032150.</p> <p>10 Q. Just take a minute, sir, and read</p> <p>11 through that, please.</p> <p>12 A. Yep.</p> <p>13 Q. Have you had a chance to read it</p> <p>14 through, sir?</p> <p>15 A. Yes.</p> <p>16 Q. I direct your attention to the e-mail at</p> <p>17 the bottom.</p> <p>18 Do you have -- first, do you have any</p> <p>19 recollection of this e-mail?</p> <p>20 A. No.</p> <p>21 Q. There is a subject there of Octonion.</p> <p>22 Do you recall what that refers to?</p> <p>23 A. No.</p> <p>24 Q. Do you recall whether or not Citi ever</p> <p>25 underwrote a CDO called Octonion or Octonion?</p> | <p>1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012</p> <p>2 A. Yes.</p> <p>3 Q. All right. Now, that's a little</p> <p>4 different than the last e-mail address.</p> <p>5 Again, is this your e-mail address, to</p> <p>6 your knowledge?</p> <p>7 A. Yes.</p> <p>8 Q. Do you have any reason to believe you</p> <p>9 didn't send this e-mail?</p> <p>10 A. I don't.</p> <p>11 Q. All right. You say with -- again, with</p> <p>12 respect to Octonion, are CSAC and Harding committed to</p> <p>13 what we discussed. Samir continues to look at other</p> <p>14 deals.</p> <p>15 When you were referring to the name</p> <p>16 Samir, who is that?</p> <p>17 A. Mr. Samir Bhatt.</p> <p>18 Q. And who is he?</p> <p>19 A. Portfolio manager at CSAC.</p> <p>20 Q. All right. And what did you mean by</p> <p>21 this statement, are CSAC and Harding committed to</p> <p>22 what we discussed, Samir continues to look at other</p> <p>23 deals?</p> <p>24 A. I believe I wanted to understand if we</p> <p>25 were interested in buying transactions that we were</p> |

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| <p>1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012 2 reporter to mark the next document I believe as 3 605. 4 (Exhibit 605, Two-page Document Bates 5 numbered CITI 0113221617, marked for 6 identification, as of this date.) 7 Q. If you would just take a minute, 8 Mr. Mehrish, and review that. 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. Have you had a chance to read through 11 that, sir? 12 A. Yes. 13 MR. INFELISE: And again, this is a 14 two-page document Bates numbered CITI 15 0113221617. 16 Q. The bottom e-mail, sir, appears to be 17 from Shalabh Mehrish to Mr. Michael Raynes. 18 Do you have any recollection of this 19 e-mail? 20 A. No. 21 Q. Do you have any reason to believe that 22 you did not send that e-mail? 23 A. No reason. 24 Q. Who was Michael Raynes? 25 A. He ran the global structured credit</p> | <p>1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012 2 Q. And was that -- based on this, does it 3 indicate that this was in fact the CDO that was 4 underwritten by Citigroup? 5 A. I believe it was done out of our London 6 office. 7 Q. All right. But you don't recall having 8 any involvement in it at all? 9 A. I contacted the salespeople. 10 Q. Were you, sir, in the period of 11 2006-2007, were you familiar with CDOs that were 12 sponsored by Magnatare? 13 MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form. 14 A. Not very. 15 Q. Were you aware whether or not they had 16 any common features? 17 A. No. 18 Q. Was there ever any discussion that you 19 recall between the individuals on your desk or 20 between you and the individuals on the structuring 21 desk concerning Magnatare CDOs? 22 MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form. 23 A. I don't recall specifically, but they 24 may have had a discussion with a portfolio manager 25 that we arranged.</p> |
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| <p>1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012 2 group. 3 Q. And what was his position with respect 4 to Mr. Dominguez? 5 A. Mr. Dominguez reported to him. 6 Q. All right. How about a 7 Mr. Mihail Nikolov? 8 A. He was one of my colleagues. 9 Q. Did he work on the syndicate desk? 10 A. He works on both structuring and 11 syndicate. At this particular point in time, I'm not 12 exactly sure. He may have been in the syndicate 13 desk. 14 Q. I see. How about Chris Carman, do you 15 recall who that was? 16 A. He was in our London office. 17 Q. I see. Now, this reference, you say hi, 18 Michael, priced Lacerta ABS CDO 2006-1. 19 Now, looking at this, sir, does it 20 refresh your recollection whether or not in fact you 21 were involved in a CDO called Lacerta CDO 2006-1? 22 A. I wasn't involved in structuring that 23 transaction or syndicating it. It was Mr. Raynes had 24 asked me to contact the sales force on that 25 transaction.</p> | <p>1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012 2 Q. All right. And what about do you recall 3 whether or not you had any discussions concerning 4 Magnatare CDOs with anyone on the secondary trading 5 desk? 6 MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form. 7 A. No. 8 Q. Now, you mentioned I think earlier a 9 term triggers. 10 Do you recall talking about that? 11 A. Yes. 12 Q. Now -- well, what is exactly, is a 13 trigger with respect to a CDO? 14 A. It's a coverage ratio. 15 Q. What does that mean? 16 A. It's a ratio of collateral to 17 liabilities. That's called principal coverage ratio. 18 Or collateral interest income to liability interest 19 due. That's called an interest coverage ratio. 20 Q. And what is the purpose of these 21 triggers with respect to -- in the CDO? 22 A. The purpose of the triggers is to 23 prioritize cash flows between various tranches. 24 Q. And now, are you familiar with the term 25 an OC trigger?</p> |

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| 2 A. It stands for over collateralization. | 2 don't recall specifically. |
| 3 Q. Is that what you just described? | 3 Q. So why do you say you believe they took |
| 4 A. That would be a principal coverage | 4 long and short -- |
| 5 ratio. | 5 A. Because it -- sorry. |
| 6 Q. And what about an IC trigger? | 6 MR. TAYLOR: Objection to form. |
| 7 A. That would be an interest coverage | 7 A. Because I recall that they had a |
| 8 ratio. | 8 long/short strategy, but I don't recall the specifics |
| 9 Q. And that's what you just described a | 9 of long/short strategy. |
| 10 minute ago? | 10 Q. Was that a common knowledge in the |
| 11 A. Yes. | 11 industry at the time? |
| 12 Q. Thank you. | 12 MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form. |
| 13 Were you aware, or did you have | 13 A. I don't know. |
| 14 knowledge back in 2006-2007, whether the presence or | 14 Q. How is it, then, you believe that they |
| 15 absence of these triggers was a common feature of | 15 had this long/short strategy? |
| 16 Magnatare CDOs? | 16 And again, I'm referring to Magnatare |
| 17 MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form. | 17 with respect to their own CDOs. |
| 18 A. I believe some of the transactions | 18 MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form. |
| 19 didn't have -- some of the transactions that were | 19 A. Because I was involved in discussions |
| 20 involved in may not have had these triggers. | 20 with several investors and that was the information |
| 21 Q. And do you recall what your basis of | 21 we gathered from the marketplace. |
| 22 that belief was? | 22 Q. I see. Thank you. |
| 23 A. Just seeing color in the market, seeing | 23 MR. INFELISE: I think we probably have |
| 24 information. | 24 to change the tapes and this may be a good time |
| 25 Q. When you say color, do you mean | 25 to take about a ten-minute break. |
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| 2 information in the market? | 2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end of |
| 3 A. Information, yes. | 3 tape No. 1. We are going off the record at 9:32 |
| 4 Q. Was that something that you monitored on | 4 a.m. |
| 5 a regular basis, the information in the market about | 5 (There was a recess taken.) |
| 6 certain CDOs? | 6 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the start |
| 7 A. About CDOs in general. That was part of | 7 of tape No. 2. We're back on the record at 9:43 |
| 8 my job. | 8 a.m. |
| 9 Q. Based on that -- well, keeping track of | 9 BY MR. INFELISE: |
| 10 the information in the market, were you aware whether | 10 Q. Mr. Mehrish, let me go back. |
| 11 or not it was a standard practice for Magnatare to | 11 You had said that when you were at |
| 12 purchase the equity in the CDOs it sponsored? | 12 Carlson Capital, you worked with Mr. Dominguez? |
| 13 MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form. | 13 A. Yes. |
| 14 A. I don't recall. | 14 Q. During that period of time, did you ever |
| 15 Q. Based on your maintaining knowledge of | 15 discuss the SEC's investigation with Mr. Dominguez? |
| 16 what was going on in the market, were you aware that | 16 A. No. |
| 17 it was a common practice for Magnatare to take a | 17 Q. Was there any period of time that you |
| 18 short position on the collateral that included the | 18 ever worked with Mr. Khan other than at Citigroup? |
| 19 CDOs it sponsored? | 19 A. Yes. He was at Storm Harbor. |
| 20 MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form. | 20 Q. He was at Storm Harbor? |
| 21 A. I believe they took short and long | 21 A. Yes. |
| 22 positions. | 22 Q. And while you were at Storm Harbor with |
| 23 Q. And what -- do you recall what their | 23 Mr. Khan, did you ever have any discussions |
| 24 long positions were? | 24 concerning the SEC's investigation with respect to |
| 25 A. It might have been on the index. I | 25 Citigroup? |

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| <p>1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012</p> <p>2 A. No.</p> <p>3 Q. Now, I believe you testified earlier</p> <p>4 that -- and correct me if I am wrong, that you didn't</p> <p>5 coordinate with the secondary desk with respect to</p> <p>6 the CDOs that were being underwritten by Citigroup;</p> <p>7 is that correct?</p> <p>8 A. That's right.</p> <p>9 Q. Was there ever a joint venture entered</p> <p>10 between the syndicate desk and the secondary trading</p> <p>11 desk with respect to certain CDOs?</p> <p>12 MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form.</p> <p>13 A. Not that I recall.</p> <p>14 Q. You have no recollection of that?</p> <p>15 A. No.</p> <p>16 Q. Was there any type of agreement entered</p> <p>17 in between you or your desk and the secondary trading</p> <p>18 desk with respect to splitting or sharing profits</p> <p>19 from certain CDOs that were underwritten by</p> <p>20 Citigroup?</p> <p>21 MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form.</p> <p>22 A. Not that I recall.</p> <p>23 Q. Sir, are you familiar with the term</p> <p>24 with -- as it applies to CDOs, negative selection?</p> <p>25 A. No.</p> | <p>1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012</p> <p>2 ask you to review it, please.</p> <p>3 MR. INFELISE: This is a one-page</p> <p>4 document Dates No. CITI 20667502.</p> <p>5 A. Okay.</p> <p>6 Q. Okay, sir. Again, having looked at</p> <p>7 this, do you recall this e-mail?</p> <p>8 A. No.</p> <p>9 Q. Do you have any reason to believe that</p> <p>10 for example, the e-mail at the very bottom from</p> <p>11 Shalabh Mehrish to Sahail Khan and Brian Carosielli,</p> <p>12 do you have any reason to believe you didn't see that</p> <p>13 e-mail?</p> <p>14 A. No reason.</p> <p>15 Q. Who is Brian Carosielli?</p> <p>16 A. He was a trader on the secondary trading</p> <p>17 desk.</p> <p>18 Q. Now, the subject is Abacus CDO-SQ. Is</p> <p>19 that CDO squared?</p> <p>20 A. Yes.</p> <p>21 Q. And the statement you have is how is</p> <p>22 this portfolio selected.</p> <p>23 Do you recall what Abacus CDO squared</p> <p>24 was?</p> <p>25 A. It was a CDO squared being in the</p> |
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| <p>1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012</p> <p>2 Q. You don't recall ever --</p> <p>3 A. I mean, from an investor standpoint, it</p> <p>4 would be transactions that are not actively</p> <p>5 monitored.</p> <p>6 Q. That's your --</p> <p>7 A. Selected, yeah.</p> <p>8 Q. Negative selection means what?</p> <p>9 A. Transactions that are not actively</p> <p>10 monitored or selected by the collateral manager.</p> <p>11 Q. Okay. All right.</p> <p>12 Do you recall while you were on the</p> <p>13 syndicate desk ever expressing concern that</p> <p>14 Magnatate -- let me rephrase that.</p> <p>15 Do you recall while you were on the</p> <p>16 syndicate desk ever expressing concern that someone</p> <p>17 was attempting to negatively select assets going into</p> <p>18 CDOs that it sponsored?</p> <p>19 MS. BUERGEL: Objection to form.</p> <p>20 A. That who sponsored? I'm sorry.</p> <p>21 Q. For example, Magnatar sponsored.</p> <p>22 A. No.</p> <p>23 Q. I'm going to ask -- well, this has</p> <p>24 already been marked as Plaintiff's -- excuse me,</p> <p>25 Exhibit 326. I'll give you a copy, Mr. Mehrish, and</p> | <p>1 Mehrish - March 2, 2012</p> <p>2 marketplace.</p> <p>3 Q. And do you recall whose CDO or who</p> <p>4 sponsored that CDO?</p> <p>5 A. No.</p> <p>6 Q. Do you recall why you were asking</p> <p>7 Mr. Khan and Mr. Carosielli how that portfolio was</p> <p>8 selected?</p> <p>9 A. I believe it was a transaction that may</p> <p>10 not have had an asset manager, so I was curious as to</p> <p>11 how the portfolio was selected.</p> <p>12 Q. All right. And there is a response from</p> <p>13 Mr. Khan to you that same date. The response is</p> <p>14 correlation trade, probably negatively selected.</p> <p>15 And what did you -- do you have any</p> <p>16 understanding as to what Mr. Khan was saying when he</p> <p>17 said it was a correlation trade, probably negatively</p> <p>18 selected?</p> <p>19 A. Correlation trade may have meant</p> <p>20 somebody going long and short simultaneously,</p> <p>21 different parts of the capital structure.</p> <p>22 Q. And again, probably negatively selected,</p> <p>23 what was your understanding?</p> <p>24 A. Absence of a manager.</p> <p>25 Q. That's all it meant to you?</p> |

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